(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Details of the afforestation projects (including Social Forestry) under implementation in the country with external assistance are given in the Statement attached.

Statement

Details of externally aided afforestation projects (including Social Forestry).

Sl. No.	Project Title	States	Donor Agency
1	National Social Forestry Project . . .	Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan Uttar Pradesh	World Bank
2	Social Forestry Project	Karnataka	World Bank
3	Social Forestry Project	Kerala	World Bank
4	Social Forestry Project	Bihar	SIDA (Sweden)
5	Social Forestry Project	Orissa	SIDA (Sweden)
6	Social Forestry Project	Tamil Nadu	SIDA (Sweden)
7	Rehabilitation of Common lands in the Aravalli Hills	Haryana	EEC
8	Afforestation and pasture development along Indira Gandhi Canal Area	Rajasthan	OECF (Japan)

Encroachment upon Reserved Forest Area in Delhi

3044. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some residents of New Rajendra Nagar area have encroached upon the ridge area, a reserved forest area in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) There is no such encroachment in the ridge area in Reserved Forest as per the report received from the Central Public Works Department.

Felling of Trees by Unscrupulous Elements

3045. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the vested interests in connivance with the forest officials have turned tree-felling into a business in many parts of the country, resulting in vanishing of forest covers in such areas;

(b) if so, what are the details of such areas; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to break the nexus between vested interests and forest officials?